

Examples from the Field: What Two Cities are Doing**Lexington promotes development, prevents delinquency through community coalition:**

Partners for Youth is a coalition convened by the mayor of Lexington, Kentucky (population 260,000), which has grown into a staffed clearinghouse for multiple disadvantaged youth initiatives. These initiatives provide means for young people to take an active role in civic issues through leadership, service, and advocacy. Partners for Youth also serves as the designated county juvenile delinquency prevention council, and conducts biennial community needs assessments. For more information on specific initiatives and partnerships, please visit www.lfucg.com/Partnersforyouth/Partnersforyouthprogress.asp

Evanston tackles youth substance abuse through drug court collaboration: The southwest Wyoming city of Evanston (population 12,000) developed its own Youth Drug and Alcohol Court (YDAC) in 2001 to provide an innovative intervention for young people cited with alcohol or substance abuse charges. The Court is a multi-jurisdictional and multi-disciplinary effort to create an environment that deters youth from the use of drugs or alcohol. The Court and its partners use intensive supervision and swift application of strength-based rewards and sanctions for positive and negative performance to help non-violent offenders with substance abuse issues lead productive lives free of alcohol and drug use. For a copy of a presentation on collaboration in Evanston, or a logic model for the drug court, contact Sandoval@nlc.org. For more information visit www.evanstonwy.org/departments/court_drug.asp.

Resources**Sign up ASAP for audioconference on NLC's new Platform for City Leadership:**

Sign up by close of business today (January 24, 2006) for an audioconference on Thursday January 26, at 12:30 p.m. (Eastern Time). Participants will learn how to use a new NLC platform to guide action and assess progress in helping children and families succeed. To register for this free call, send complete contact information (name, address, city, state, phone, fax, and email) to Melissa Rogers via email to rogers@nlc.org or via fax to 202-626-3043.

G.R.E.A.T. Grant Opportunity: The federal Bureau of Justice Assistance [seeks new and renewal applicants](#) to participate in the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program, which focuses on providing life skills to students to prevent them from engaging in delinquent behavior and violence. *The submission deadline is February 2, 2006.* For more information please visit www.great-online.org/.

Information-sharing training: The Center for Network Development will offer two training sessions (no registration fee!) this spring as part of the *Information Sharing to Prevent Juvenile Delinquency* project of OJJDP and several other federal agencies. Collaborative teams may register for the workshops (March 20-21, Arlington, Virginia; April 24-25, Santa Fe, New Mexico) via www.juvenileiis.org or may obtain more information by calling 303-893-6898.

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